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Subject: Disagreement with Proposed Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I, Stephen W. Gulyas, a resident of Michigan at 1094 Greenhills Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, oppose the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the various states:

I am fully dissatisfied with the proposed agreement between Microsoft and the state governments regarding its monopoly charge. The proposed penalties do nothing to weaken Microsoft's current powerful position and do little to discourage them from changing practices in the future. I find some public gestures, such as donating computer to schools, simply nauseating.

The penalties to be imposed do not provide for a fair, competitive environment for the computer industry going forward. Ample time must be given to have new companies time to blossom. Stringent agreements preventing software and hardware ties must be implemented. Microsoft's ability to work with and contract to third parties, in attempts to circumvent any proposed penalties, must be disrupted. I fully support the original decision to break up Microsoft into AT LEAST two companies.

Finally, Microsoft must be harshly reprimanded for past wrongs. They have shown no remorse throughout this process, and have continually rebuffed the system. Only monetary penalties in the tens of billions of dollars range will get their attention.

The computer market has been stifled of creativity for nearly a decade. Please severely increase the tenure and amount of penalties against Microsoft to ensure a fair marketplace in the future.

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